

Marine Committee

Sir

York Town 4th March 1778

We have been honored with your letter of the 11th ultimo addressed to Wth Lewis A Member of the Committee.

The offer you therein make us of furnishing the Brigantine Baltimore Packet, with Sea Rovers Cannon four Pounders with their Carriages Rammer Rods, Spunges &c. or as many thereof as may be compliant, we accept, and will order payment for the same as soon as the value is ascertained agreeable to the mode you propose.

We beg leave to request your Excellency to order those Cannon &c to be sent up to the Point at Baltimore in the manner most convenient.

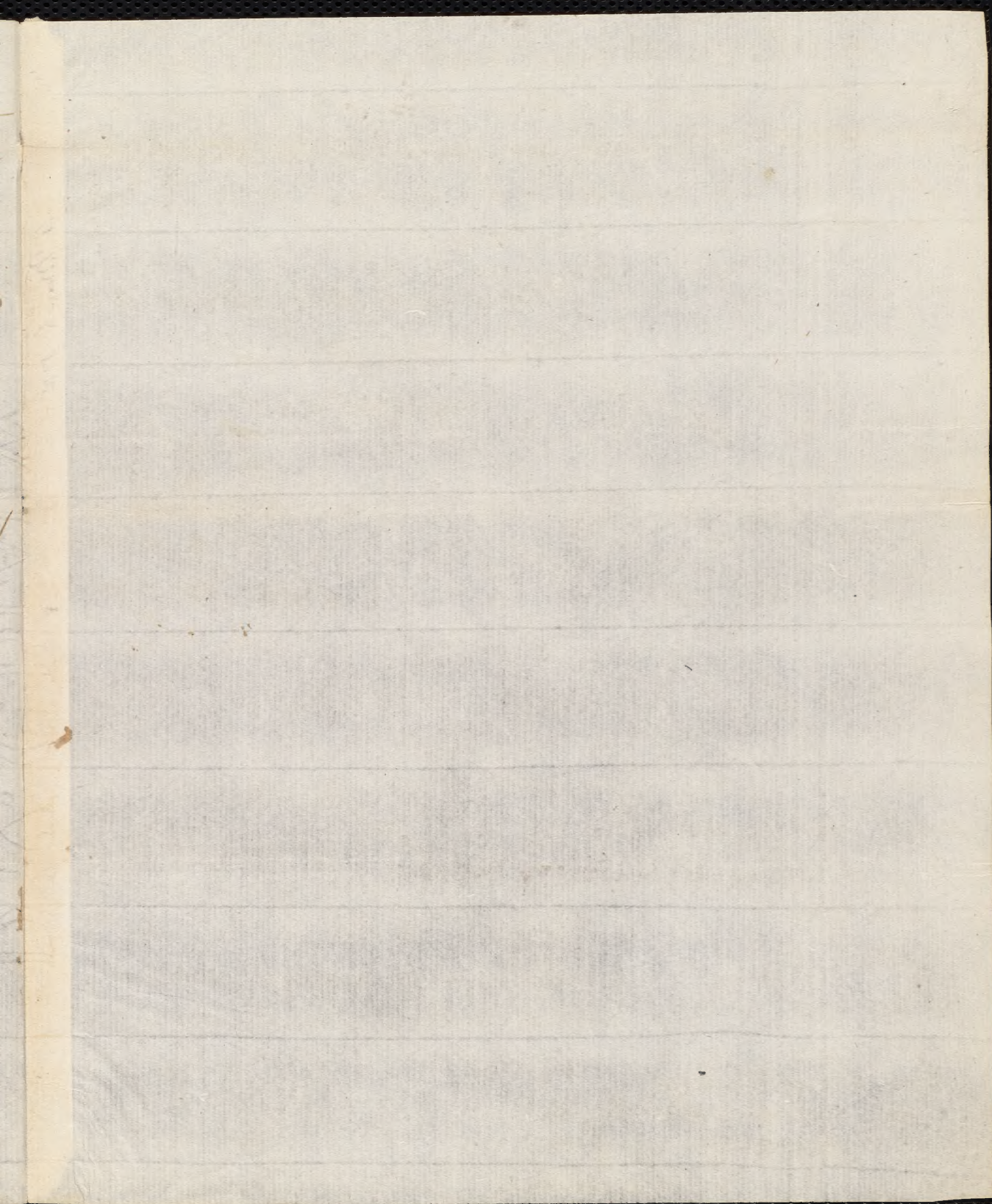
We have hitherto been unfortunate in our attempts to get the Frigate Virginia to Sea. The Committee have this day resolved that Capt Nicholson be ordered to make one other attempt; we are informed that it will be necessary that he be furnished with a tender for giving him intelligence in the Bay, also a proper Pilot to carry the Ship out, as the want of a Pilot rendered his last attempt abortive. For these reasons we must intreat your Excellency to permit Captain Nicholson to a further use
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of the Tender he was lately furnished with, as
well as to empower him to procure a good Pilot
in such manner as you shall think fit,
for we are informed he cannot procure one
without your sanction.

We have the Honor to be

Your Excellency
Most obedt Servts
Geo Lewis
Geo Frost
Abra. Clark
Sam^l Huntington
Willm Clergy

His Excellency
Thos^t Johnston Esq^r
Governor of
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